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1. Pocket Submarines: The Yugoslav Navy is equipped with 25 Russian pocket submarines. The component parts of these submarines were assembled at the dockyards of Tivat. The assembling process was carried out under the supervision of Captain Nikola Miljanovski and other Soviet engineers, and by Yugoslav, German, Czechoslovak and Soviet personnel. This operation, which lasted about six months, was carried out in utmost secrecy by trusted Communists. The group of pocket submarines is now under the command of a young Soviet officer, Captain Petar Pedorovic, of the Soviet Navy. The submarines are marked "DJ.P.1", "DK.P.2", and so on, and bear different names such as TRIGLAV, METKOVIC, TITO, JAICE, HRABRI, PARTIZANKA, AVALA, 25 OKTOBAR, et cetera. They are deployed at Djenovici, Tivat and Risan.
2. Other types of Submarines: This second group of submarines is composed of 14 units of various types, including old German, Italian and Soviet craft. Their base is in the neighborhood of Fiume. Commander of this group is a Yugoslav admiral who was recently promoted to that rank, and who spent two years in the Soviet Union attending special courses in that country. Several officers of the Russian and former German Navy instruct the Yugoslav crews on how to handle the submarines. These submarines are marked "P.1", "P.2", et cetera, followed by a name. Some of the names were MALJEN TRIGLAV, JASTREB, and SOKOLAC. Men of the Soviet Navy, stationed either at the Yugoslav Naval Command or on board the submarines, are in charge of the maintenance of both pocket and medium-size submarines. The Yugoslav Five-Year Plan contemplates the construction of a strong fleet of submarines for the defense of the entire Adriatic coastline.

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